Appendix I.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 628 asked by Sri T. Sampath at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 29th September 1958, page 930 supra.]

G.O. Ms. No. 2265, Home, dated 9th August 1958.

[Motor vehicles—Stage carriages—Grant of permits—Principles to be followed—Directions issued.]

Read—the following papers :—

G.O. Ms. No. 1298, Home, dated 28th April 1956.

Letter from the Transport Commissioner, Madras, dated 12th December 1957, No. 35276/E-2/57.

Representations received from various interests in Transport.

Order—No. 2265, Home, dated 9th August 1958.

In G.O. Ms. No. 1298, Home, dated 28th April 1956, certain principles to be observed by Transport Authorities in the grant of stage carriage permits were laid down. The Government have had occasion to review them in the light of certain representations made by affected interests.

2. In exercise of the powers conferred under section 43-A (1) of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939 (Central Act IV of 1939), the Governor of Madras hereby issues the following directions, in supersession of paragraph 2 (A) in G.O. Ms. No. 1298, Home, dated 28th April 1956, in regard to the grant of stage carriage permits.

3. Bus routes shall be classified as—

(1) *Short routes, which shall include shuttle services.*—This class of route will cover a distance of 15 miles.

(2) *Medium routes.*—This class will cover a distance varying from between 15 miles and 75 miles.

(3) *Long routes (including Express service).*—This class will cover a distance between 75 miles and 250 miles.

4. Preference may be given to applicants as follows :—

(i) *For short routes/shuttle service.*—New entrants.

(ii) *For medium routes.*—Applicants with 1 to 4 buses (excluding spare buses).

5. Applicants for a stage carriage permit may be screened and disqualified on one or more of the following principles :—

(i) Financial instability as evidenced by insolvency or undischarged decrees or failure to produce an Income-tax clearance certificate. It is important that those who run public services are not subject to financial pressure which distracts or diverts them from the prescribed rules. Borrowing for purchase of the vehicle will not by itself be a disqualification;

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(ii) If his history sheet is not satisfactory. (Ordinarily, history sheet for one year alone may be considered.)

(iii) If there is evidence that he has been trafficking in permits, either benami or otherwise.

(iv) If he has no workshop facilities or other arrangements to attend to repairs efficiently.

(v) If he has no main office or branch office on the route applied for, to control the service.

(vi) If he has no residential qualification.

(vii) If the application is on behalf of others, in order to evade rules.

6. After eliminating the applicants as above, mark should be assigned as follows :—

(*a*) *Sector qualification.*—1 mark.

Assessment may be as below :—

(i) Where the applicant operates for a distance varying between 1 per cent to 25 per cent of the total distance of the route in question—¼ mark.

(ii) Where the applicant operates for a distance varying between 26 per cent to 50 per cent of the total distance of the route in question—½ mark.

(iii) Where the applicant operates for a distance varying between 51 per cent to 75 per cent of the total distance of the route in question—¾ mark.

(iv) Where the applicant operates for a distance above 75 per cent of the total distance of the route in question—1 mark.

(*b*) Business or technical experience in Motor Transport—1 mark.

(*c*) Being a registered co-operative society or a registered public limited company or a registered private company—1 mark.

7. Applications thus finalized should then be disposed of according to section 47 (1) of the Act.

(By order of the Governor)

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Secretary to Government.

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" all Regional Transport Officers.
" the Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Madras.
" the Inspector-General of Police, Madras.
" the Commissioner of Police, Madras (5 copies).

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" Madras State Bus Owners' Association, 49, General Patters Road, Mount Road, Madras.
" Secretary, Automobile Association of South India, 38-A, Mount Road, Madras-2.
" Petitioners (who made representations).
" M.L.As. who have also given representations.